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Overview. This memorandum is intended to provide basic background information to use in Committee deliberations and for review for the meetings on September 19 and October 10, 2007. The General Assembly enacted H.F. 2782 during the 2006 Legislative Session (2006 Iowa Acts, ch. 1179, §1(2)) calling for a systematic study of and long-term planning for the state prison system. As a result of the legislation the Department of Corrections has launched an exhaustive study of the current prison system and hired Durrant Group Inc. to conduct an independent study. The memorandum itself provides basic information regarding correctional institutions and recent construction proposals regarding the Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison and the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville.

Correctional Institutions. There are nine correctional institutions under the control of the Department of Corrections. The institutions include the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, the Anamosa State Penitentiary, the Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison, the Iowa Medical and Classification Center in Oakdale, the North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City, the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility, the Clarinda Correctional Facility, the Newton Correctional Facility, and the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

Durrant Recommendations. The Durrant Group's study has focused on recommendations relating to the Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison and the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville. The entire Durrant Group report can be found at: http://www.doc.state.ia.us/publications.asp

- Iowa State Penitentiary — New Construction — Option #1. This option proposes the construction of a new

1 Iowa Code § 904.102.

maximum security institution at a cost of approximately \$110.2 million on either farm #1 or farm #3 in Ft. Madison. The option includes housing units at a cost of \$88 million; support service buildings, a physical plant, and treatment and program space at a cost of \$15 million; a perimeter fence at a cost of \$5 million; and allowances for site development. Under this option, the John Bennett Unit and the Clinical Care Unit (CCU) would continue to operate at their existing sites which would be separate from the new maximum security institution site.

- **Iowa State Penitentiary — Redesign — Option #2.** This option proposes redesigning and updating the existing Iowa State Penitentiary structure at a cost of approximately \$132.1 million. The option includes a new kitchen and dining hall at a cost of \$5.8 million, a new industries building at a cost of \$1 million, and an 800-bed housing unit at a cost of \$105.7 million. The option also includes renovation of the old housing units for support and program functions, including classrooms, hobby craft, counseling, conference, and libraries at a cost of \$14.3 million. Under this option the existing dining hall would be remodeled to contain laundry and clothes storage, and a high mast lighting system is proposed. The cost estimates for this option do not include major maintenance projects which would still be required to maintain the facility. See Attachment A prepared by the Legislative Services Agency, Fiscal Services Division for a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the Iowa State Penitentiary recommendations.
- **Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW).** The Durrant Group recommends to move the Mount Pleasant special needs unit for women to ICIW. The recommendation also includes relocating the reception and classification components for women from Oakdale to ICIW. The recommendation proposes phasing in construction of additional beds. Phase one includes the construction of a 320-bed unit at a cost of \$21.6 million and phase two includes an additional 192 beds at a cost of \$15.8 million. See Attachment B prepared by the Legislative Services Agency, Fiscal Services Division for a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the ICIW recommendation.

Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency. The following materials listed were distributed at or in connection with the meeting and are filed with the Legislative Services Agency. The materials may be accessed from the <Additional Information> link on the Committee's internet page:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=214>.

- A. Legislative Services Agency — Fiscal Services Division — Summary of Durrant Report Ft. Madison.
- B. Legislative Services Agency — Fiscal Services Division — Summary of Durrant Report Mitchellville.
- C. Aerial photograph of the Iowa State Penitentiary.
- D. Aerial photograph of Farm #1.
- E. Material from NCSL regarding state prison construction and renovation FY 2003-2004.
- F. Material from NCSL regarding state prison construction and renovation FY 2005-2006.
- G. Legislative Services Agency — Fiscal Services Division — Designed Capacity vs. Iowa Inmate Population.